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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of:  
Sarangi, et al.  
Application No. 09/746,168  
Filed: December 22, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 042396, 19470

DECISION GRANTING  
PETITIONS

This is a decision on the petition filed May 29, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 22, 2000, rather than the presently accorded filing date of February 26, 2001. In addition, the decision will address the petition, filed December 17, 2001, to change the name of the second named inventor.

Both petitions are **GRANTED**.

A review of the original application papers shows that the papers were stamped in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with a December 22, 2000 Office generated barcode. The Office of Initial Patent Examination found the original papers to be complete for filing date purposes, as was stated in the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed February 7, 2001, and the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed March 7, 2001. The filing date of the application is the date shown on the Office generated barcode or "Office Date" stamp. See MPEP 505. Obviously, the February 26, 2001 filing date shown on applicants' updated filing receipt, mailed May 1, 2001 is a typographical error.

Accordingly, the petition to correct the filing date is granted. No petition fee is required and none has been charged.

The name of the second inventor will be changed from Douglas Raymond Parker to Rachael Jade Parker. Pursuant to petitioners' authorization, deposit account No. 02-2666 will be charged the \$130.00 petition fee for the name change.

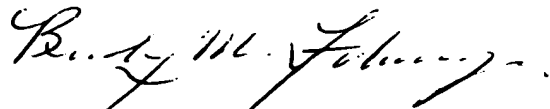
The file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination, Customer Corrections to change Office records to reflect the change of the second inventor's name as noted above, and for correction of PTO records and mailing of a corrected filing receipt showing (1) the second inventor's name change and (2) the filing date of the application as December 22, 2000, not February 26, 2001.

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